

### *Conventional Wisdom and the Lord's*

Listen, friend, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there. You've got to do it to them before they do it to you.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Always remember the golden rule: those who have the gold, make the rules.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Remember: Never get mad. Get even.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Take my advice, kid – Don't make waves. You've got to go along to get along. Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Charity is fine, but business is business. Always, always, always buy low and sell high.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

The drug users and the city scum – they deserve what happens to them. We work hard for what we've got – nobody is doing us any favors. Let them do the same. It can be done. Hey, look: You got to take care of your own.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Jesus' admonition is almost a pleading: If you really understand Me and what I am about, if you really want to be My disciple, if you really seek to be worthy of My name, then you must see the world differently and respond to its challenges with a very different set of values. The world may try to justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on preserving the system and convention for the sake of compassion and justice.

*But it cannot be like that with you.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



*Icon of Raising Lazarus from the Dead*

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Sunday – March 22, 2026

Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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Saturday March 21 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Akathistos Saturday Divine Liturgy (Sorokousty) Akathist of the Mother of God
Sunday March 22 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of the Fast Great Fast – Mary of Egypt (+Daria Rogalsky from the Romaniuk Family) (For the Parish)
Wednesday March 25 6:00 p.m.	Annunciation - **Lenten Retreat** - Confessions-Сповідь (For the Parish)
Friday March 27 5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts **Lenten Retreat** - Confessions-Сповідь
Saturday March 28 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy and First Confession (Souls Enrolled in Sorokousty) Great Vespers
Sunday March 29 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Our Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday **Lenten Retreat** - Confessions-Сповідь (For the Parish) (Deceased of the Luznycky-Kulchycky-Gut Family from Kulchycky Fam.)

**FIRST CONFESSION 2026 PREPARATION**

Preparation for First Confession has begun. Classes will be held on Sundays. Please contact Olya Mulvey at olya.kroytor@gmail.com to learn more. All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation. The SPRING SEMESTER class schedule is as follows: March 22, and March 28 - Lazarus Saturday - First Confession.

**SPECIAL SHOWING OF BEYOND THE STATISTICS SUNDAY MARCH 22 AFTER BOTH LITURGIES**

Join us for a special showing of a film about the forcibly displaced Ukrainian Families in search of freedom. Free for everyone. Sponsored by the Archeparchy of Philadelphia Social Outreach Ministry.

**SPIRITUAL REGULATIONS FOR THE GREAT FAST 2026**

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstinence from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today: Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on Good Friday. Abstinence from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to voluntarily abstain from meat on Wednesdays during the Great Fast. Everyone should receive the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday. The Fasting and Abstinence regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinence regulations.

*Everyone, regardless of age, is encouraged to observe the GREAT FAST as piously as possible!*

**PRAYER LIST**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Robert Harnest, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Fr. Robert Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Irene Nagurney, Myron Nagurney Jr, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Chris Saboe, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Fr. George Worschak, and Paul Yarrish. If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

**Lenten Mission 2026 – March 25, 27 and 29**

**Fr. Yuriy Schurko, Dean of Theology and Philosophy at the Ukrainian Catholic University, will offer our 2026 Lenten Mission. Please join us on the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25 at 6PM for the Vesperal Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Friday March 27 at 5PM for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, and on Palm Sunday for Divine Liturgy at 9AM and 1130AM. Confessions will be available during all of the services. Let us spiritually prepare for Easter 2026!**